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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8700

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

USDEL MTN GENEVA

UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 0128

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, TD, MTN

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF U.S. POSITION ON DUTY ON RUM

REF: BRIDGETOWN 0012, 75 PORT OF SPAIN 2308, 75 MTN GENEVA 9365,
74 STATE 118243 (ALL NOTAL)

1. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND A SESSION OF THE JANUARY 28 MEETING OF THE WEST INDIAN RUM PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON DUTY ON RUM. IN 1974, STR AMBASSADOR EBERLE TOLD PRODUCERS THAT USG WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER RUM AS A SEPARATE ITEM IN MTN, AS WELL AS TO CHANGE PROOF GALLON/WINE GALLON METHOD OF ASSESSMENT AS PART OF MTN. (THIS WAS REPORTED IN 74 STATE 118243, AND REITERATED BY RUM PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AS REPORTED IN 75 PORT OF SPAIN 2808.) SINCE THEN, I NOTE THAT USG INFORMED TRINIDAD REPRESENTATIVE AT MTN (75 MTN GENEVA 9365) THAT WE ARE UNWILLING TO CONSIDER RUM NEGOTIABLE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE A DETAILED CABLE REPORT
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OF CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON RUM DUTY, INCLUDING INFORMATION

AS TO LIKELY NEGOTIABILITY OF THIS SUBJECT IN MTN, WHEN AND HOW
IF NOT PART OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER
INFORMATION WHICH MAY HELP ME DISPELL WIDESPREAD LOCAL OPINION
OF USG INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.

3. REQUEST REPLY BY COB JANUARY 23.

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